

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of:

Applicant: Gregor Tuma et al.  
Application No: 10/670,177  
Filing Date: September 23, 2003  
Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE APERTURE ANGLE  
OF A JOINT  
Examiner: Jeffrey G. Hoekstra  
Art Unit: 3736  
Docket No. SCHWP0181USA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. (Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.)

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously mailed or filed on <>. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on <>.
  - iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
  - iv. ☐ Other:

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ☐ one ☐ two ☐ three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other:

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No 18-0988 (under the above-shown Docket No.)
  - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☐ Other:

- b. ☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ <> .  
c. ☒ Payment by credit card submitted via EFS web  
d. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 18-0988 (under the above-shown Docket No.)

Respectfully submitted,

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